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SUBJECT: LEBANON: CONTINUING EFFORTS TO DEFUSE THE CRISIS

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1. AMBASSADOR RAISED WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABD AL-RAHMAN AL-MANSOURI THE QUESTION OF LEBANON ON JULY 10 AND MADE THE POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTELS. POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND DCM ALSO ATTENDED MEETING. WE EXPRESSED OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE SAUDI AMBASSADOR IN LEBANON TO HELP PRESERVE THE CEASEFIRE AND RESTRAIN THE PARTIES FROM DOING ANYTHING THAT MIGHT

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LEAD TO NENEWED FIGHTING. WE SAID THAT AMBASSADOR PARKER VALUED THE SAUDI AMBASSADOR'S ASSISTANCE AND DEEPLY APPRECIATED HIS COOPERATION.

2. MANSOURI THANKED US FOR THE KIND WORDS ABOUT THE SAUDI AMBASSADOR IN LEBANON. HE SAID THAT SAUDI ARABIA WAS AFRAID THAT THE LEBANESE THEMSELVES MIGHT PROVOKE

THE SYRIANS INTO ATTACKING THEM AGAIN.THIS COULD LEAD
TO A CLEAR SYRIAN OCCUPATION OF THE COUNTRY. SAG WOULD
NOT LIKE TO SEE THIS AND WOULD CONTINUE ITS BEST EFFORTS
TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING.

3. COMMENT: WHILE SAG IS CONCERNED ABOUT EVENTS IN
LEBANON AND CONSEQUENCES OF RENEWED FIGHTING, IT IS
DEEPLY PREOCCUPIED WITH EVENTS IN THE TWO YEMENS. WE DOUBT
THAT WE CAN GET FULL ATTENTION OF SAG ON LEBANON UNTIL IT
HAS REACHED SOME DECISIONS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH A PROBLEM
THAT IN ITS VIEW POSES A DIRECT THREAT TO THE VERY EXIS-
TENCE OF THE SAUDI REGIME.
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